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# H. R. 1454

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LABRADOR (for himself and Mr. POLIQUIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Future Logging Ca-  
5 reers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHILD LABOR LAW EXEMPTIONS FOR LOGGING AND**  
7 **MECHANIZED OPERATIONS.**

8       The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.  
9 201 et seq.) is amended—

10           (1) in section 3 (29 U.S.C. 203)—

1 (A) in subsection (l), by adding at the end  
2 the following: “, and that employment of em-  
3 ployees ages sixteen or seventeen years in a log-  
4 ging or mechanized operation in an occupation  
5 that the Secretary of Labor finds and declares  
6 to be particularly hazardous for the employment  
7 of individuals of such ages shall not be deemed  
8 to constitute oppressive child labor if such em-  
9 ployee is employed by his parent or by a person  
10 standing in the place of his parent in a logging  
11 or mechanized operation owned or operated by  
12 such parent or person”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(z)(1) ‘Logging’—

15 “(A) means—

16 “(i) the felling, skidding, yarding, loading  
17 and processing of timber by equipment other  
18 than manually operated chainsaws and cable  
19 skidders;

20 “(ii) the felling of timber in mechanized  
21 operations;

22 “(iii) the bucking or converting of timber  
23 into logs, poles, ties, bolts, pulpwood, chemical  
24 wood, excelsior wood, cordwood, fence posts, or  
25 similar products;

1           “(iv) the collecting, skidding, yarding,  
2 loading, transporting and unloading of such  
3 products in connection with logging;

4           “(v) the constructing, repairing and main-  
5 taining of roads or camps used in connection  
6 with logging; the constructing, repairing, and  
7 maintenance of machinery or equipment used in  
8 logging; and

9           “(vi) other work performed in connection  
10 with logging; and

11          “(B) does not include the manual use of chain  
12 saws to fell and process timber and the use of cable  
13 skidders to bring the timber to the landing.

14          “(2) ‘Mechanized operation’—

15           “(A) means the felling, skidding, yarding, load-  
16 ing and processing of timber by equipment other  
17 than manually operated chainsaws and cable skid-  
18 ders; and

19           “(B) includes whole tree processors, cut-to-  
20 length processors, stroke boom delimiters, wheeled  
21 and track feller-bunchers, pull thru delimiters,  
22 wheeled and track forwarders, chippers, grinders,  
23 mechanical debarkers, wheeled and track grapple  
24 skidders, yarders, bulldozers, excavators, and log  
25 loaders.”; and

1           (2) in section 13(c) (29 U.S.C. 211(c)), by add-  
2           ing at the end the following:

3           “(8) The provisions of section 12 relating to  
4           child labor shall apply to an employee who is 16 or  
5           17 years old employed in a logging or mechanized  
6           operation in an occupation that the Secretary of  
7           Labor finds and declares to be particularly haz-  
8           ardous for the employment of children ages 16 or  
9           17, except where such employee is employed by his  
10          parent or by a person standing in the place of his  
11          parent in a logging or mechanized operation owned  
12          or operated by such parent or person.”.

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